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Timely Tidbits ...

3 Win Prizes in City Lights Competition

On Thursday, December 18, 10 "discerning judges" spent the evening touring the City in search of its best-decorated houses as part of the Romulus Recreation Department's annual City Lights Tour. A total of 16 houses were evaluated.

The winners were:

- first place – 15628 Harriett (\$50 gift certificate),
- second place – 16284 Taft (\$30 gift certificate), and
- third place – 14360 Huron River Drive (\$20 gift certificate).

The Romulus Recreation Department would like to thank all the entrants and judges who participated in the event.

Basham To Hold Informational Coffee

State Representative Raymond Basham will discuss legislative issues concerning the cities of Romulus and Taylor at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, in the Executive Club Room of the Democratic Club of Taylor (located at 23400 Wick Road). Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Jack Childers (313-291-8060) or Representative Basham's office (Capitol Building—Third Floor, Lansing, MI 48909; 517-373-0852).

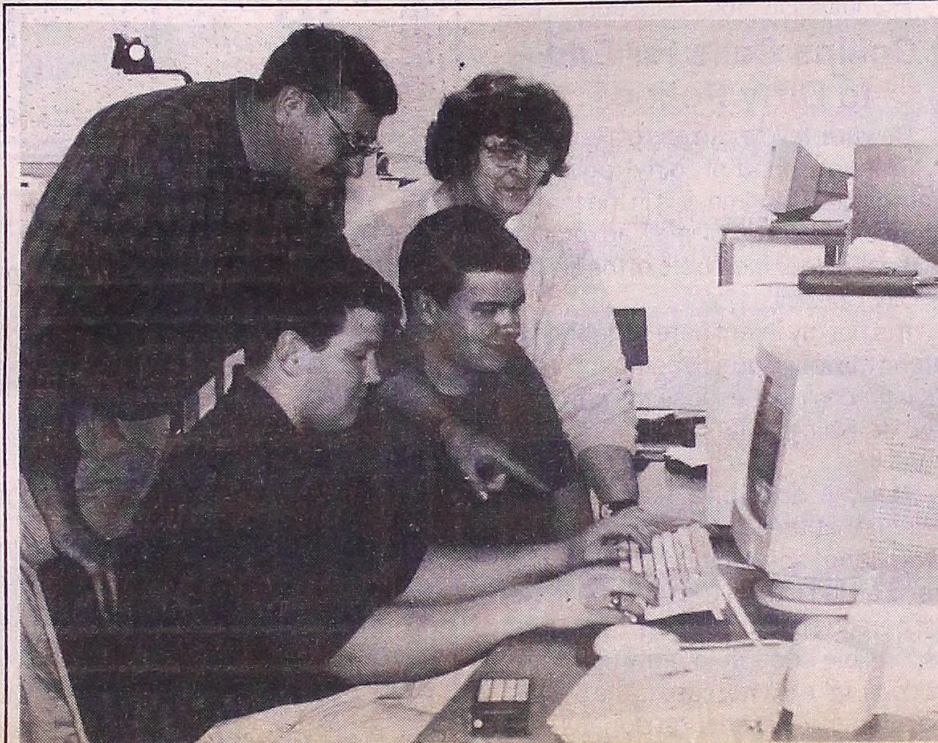
Utility Imposter Bill Signed into Law

State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) has announced that his utility imposter bill, Senate Bill 6, was recently signed into law by Governor John Engler.

It will now be a felony in Michigan to impersonate a utility worker while attempting to commit a crime. Criminals using this type of deception will face up to two years in prison without chance of probation or parole, and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Bennett's bill was approved unanimously by both the House and the Senate. □

Romulus Schools To Make Use of Cable TV



Romulus High School video-production teacher, Bill Bradford, and library aide, Rosalie Berlinn, point out changes to students Steve Mientkiewicz (left) and Steve Harper as they review the school district's new character generator, which will broadcast school news on cable channel 41 beginning in late February.

Romulus Community Schools has announced its intention to use cable educational channel 41 to carry information about school programs, athletic events, school calendars, and actions

of the Board of Education. Plans call for the District to begin broadcasting in late February.

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, said that the 24-hour

programming would use only text at first.

"Our intention is to provide Romulus residents with current school information presented in a pleasant, professional manner," said Bedell. "We'll begin with text, then add still photographs. Finally, when we're accustomed to the new equipment, the programming will include taped video, although Board meetings will not be broadcast."

Each school will be responsible for providing pertinent information to Bill Bradford, who teaches video production at Romulus High School (RHS). Bradford will work with RHS students Steve Harper and Steve Mientkiewicz, as well as Rosalie Berlinn, the school's library aide, to write text, scan pictures, and edit videotape. District employees and students are currently receiving training which includes practice in text and picture editing.

"Our equipment is excellent," stated Bradford, "and we'll be making the most of it to keep local residents informed about school news from throughout the District." Final editing and content will be Bradford's responsibility.

Community members who would like to assist in the District's cable production, as well as those who have questions or suggestions, should contact Bradford at 941-2170, ext. 126. □

New Year's Lock-in at RHS Drew 170 Youths

When 170 youths ages 13 to 18 gathered together for the first annual "Drug-free New Year's Eve Lock-in," a good, safe time was had by all.

The young people enjoyed a variety of entertainments and sports events, prizes galore, and plenty of munchies.

Security was supervised by three Romulus police officers as well as 40 other chaperones.

Chad Moore, one of the event's organizers, was proud of the fact that the party went off without a hitch.

"Nothing ended up missing. Nothing was broken. There were no fights. There wasn't even an argument," Moore stated. "The Lock-in ended with enough funds to pay all the bills and start next year off with a little seed money to make it bigger and better than ever."

Moore concluded with a big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time or donated supplies and/or prizes to make the event such a success. □



The Lock-in featured a variety of entertainments, including dancing.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Museum Thanks Donors, Seeks Volunteers

During the past several months, the Romulus Historical Society has received many new accessions for the Romulus Historical Museum. The Society acquired a photo of Texas School (dated 1940); a Civil War photo of James M. Orr; metal wash tubs with stand; curtain stretchers; a 1940 record player; and much more.

The Museum is looking for persons interested in categorizing its artifacts as they are received. A team of two or more is desired. Training and assistance will be available. Please call the Museum (942-2340) any Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. if you are interested.

The Historical Society would like to extend its thanks to Kathy Billings, CPA – a partner with the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne – for her generous donation of time and expertise in the preparation of the Society's annual reports. The firm's continued support of the Society over the years has been greatly appreciated.

The public is invited to attend the Romulus Historical Society's meetings, which are held at the Museum on Hunt Street (near the Post Office) at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise announced).

Pearl Varner, Director
Romulus Historical Museum

Collins Calls for End to Dirty Politics

Beware, fellow citizens of Romulus! The ugly head of "dirty" politics is again rising. This time, it is in the form of a very crude piece of mail advocating the recall of four members of the Romulus City Council.

It is not my intent here to support or defend the four Councilmembers. What I do intend to do is expose the cowardly way in which this recall has been suggested.

Now, if someone feels strongly enough that these four Councilpeople have done something so criminally wrong as to justify a recall, so be it. But that person should be open, brave, and responsible enough to draw up proper petitions, take his/her case to the people, and attempt to get enough signatures to recall the Councilmembers in an open and legal fashion.

Put your name and your face out there for all to see, or *crawl back into your "dirty politics" hole where cowards belong.*

Mary J. Collins
Romulus □

Boles Among Basham's Capitol Scholars for December



Representative Raymond Basham invited (from left) Tomeka Boles of Romulus High School, Tara Newby of Taylor's Kennedy High School, and Jessica Sneed of Taylor's Truman High School to join him in Lansing on December 3 to be mentored in the State's political process as part of the new Capitol Scholars program.

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By Florine Mark, president/chairman of the board of The WW Group, Inc.

If you're hosting this year's Super Bowl party on January 25, why not help your guests stick to their New Year's resolutions about healthy eating by serving them something healthy and delicious? I'd like to share a few recipes that are perfect for parties and are always popular with my guests. "Fresh Tomato

Mini Pizzas," "Bacon Wrapped Shrimp," and "Mushroom Turnovers" are hearty snacks that are sure to satisfy those hungry appetites. These party-pleasers are also low in fat and calories, so feel free to enjoy them! And if you're not hosting the party, bring them along. Your host will appreciate the thought and it will ensure a healthy snack for you!

Fresh Tomato Mini Pizzas

(makes 4 servings)

- 2 large plum tomatoes, thinly sliced lengthwise (reserve juices)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 small pitas (1 ounce each)
- 1 1/2 ounces shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine tomatoes and salt; toss to mix well. Stir in basil, garlic, and oil; set aside.

Arrange pitas on a prepared baking sheet. Arrange one-fourth of the tomato mixture on each pita; spoon one-fourth of the reserved tomato juices on each. Bake 8 minutes, or until tomatoes are hot and softened.

Sprinkle each pizza with one-fourth of the cheese; bake 3 minutes, or until cheese is bubbly.

Each serving: 3 POINTS on the Weight Watchers 1-2-3 Success Plan.

Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp

(makes 12 servings)

- 8 ounces cooked Canadian-style bacon, cut in 12 slices
- 12 medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 12 strips
- 1 tablespoon + 1 1/2 teaspoons reduced-sodium teriyaki sauce
- 1 tablespoon + 1 1/2 teaspoons low-sodium chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce

Place bacon on rack; cover with paper towel. Microwave on high 1 minute; pat dry on paper towel. Cool slightly.

Wrap one shrimp and one pepper strip in each piece of bacon; secure with wooden pick. Place in 11x17" baking dish. Repeat with remaining bacon, shrimp, and bell pepper.

In small bowl, combine the teriyaki, chili, and hoisin sauces with 2 tablespoons water; pour over shrimp. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours, turning once.

Uncover and microwave on high 3 to 4 minutes, until shrimp are cooked through. Let stand 5 minutes.

Each serving: 1 POINT on the Weight Watchers 1-2-3 Success Plan.

Mushroom Turnovers

(makes 12 servings)

- 1 teaspoon unsalted stick margarine
- 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 tablespoons minced shallots
- 4 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 2 tablespoons light sour cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- 4 ounces (about 6 sheets) thawed frozen phyllo dough (12x17" each)

In large nonstick skillet, melt margarine over low heat; add 1/4 cup of the broth and the shallots. Cook, stirring frequently, 4 minutes. Add mushrooms and remaining 1/4 cup broth; cook, covered, 5 minutes, or until mushrooms are tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. Add sherry; stir to combine. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; cook 1 minute.

Sprinkle flour over mushroom mixture; stir quickly to combine. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute; stir in milk. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream and mint. Set aside; let cool.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray nonstick baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

Spray clean work surface with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange 3 sheets of the phyllo dough side by side on prepared work surface. Layer 1 more sheet of phyllo dough on each of the 3 sheets, making 3 stacks of 2 sheets each. Cut each stack into 4 equal strips, 4 1/4 x 12" each. Spray surface of each strip with nonstick cooking spray.

Spoon 1/2 of the mushroom mixture onto the narrow end of 1 strip; fold left corner of strip diagonally over filling, making a triangle. Fold triangle up, then to the right, keeping triangular shape. Continue folding, alternating from left to right, until entire strip is folded, ending with a triangle. Repeat procedure, with remaining mushroom mixture and phyllo dough strips, making 11 more turnovers.

Arrange turnovers on prepared baking sheet; bake 10 to 15 minutes, until golden. Serve immediately.

Each serving: 1 POINT on the Weight Watchers 1-2-3 Success Plan.

Parents Assist Students in Holiday Project at Merriman



Merriman student Billy Lukas and his mother, Marilyn Lukas, put the finishing touches on their holiday gingerbread house. In all, teachers Laurie Smith and Robbie Orme directed more than 30 parents in helping their own and other second-graders.

School Board Members Recognized

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January has been declared "School Board Recognition Month," and the Romulus Community School District would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedicated service our school board members perform. These seven dedicated servants determine curriculum, balance the budget, plan for the future, and carry out the truest form of representative government. We salute each one of them: Julie Oleszkowicz, President; Howard Kesner, Vice President; Betty Lenossi, Secretary; Michael Woods, Treasurer; Ken Berlinn, Trustee; Judith Gondek, Trustee; and Eva Webb, Trustee. □

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Holiday Happiness at Halecreek

When Santa Claus visited Halecreek School to help students and parents prepare for the holiday season last month, the Halecreek PTG planned a fun-filled evening to coincide with his visit. With a shopping spree, pictures with Santa, an ornament contest, carolers, and refreshments, the PTG organized a well-rounded family night at school.

More than 100 families filled the cafeteria, art room, and hallways for this annual "Holiday Happiness at Halecreek" program.

Santa's Workshop kicked off the event, with many students doing their Christmas shopping (without mom or dad). Parent volunteers, grandmas, and grandpas assisted the students as they shopped. Parent volunteer Lee Varga headed the workshop with much help from other parents and Romulus High School students who had graduated from Halecreek.

Next came Santa Claus himself, who was warmly welcomed by a Halecreek Carolers performance of Jingle Bells as he entered the cafeteria. Parents were given a picture reservation number to help organize the Picture

with Santa program. Photographer James McKinney took more than 100 pictures that will become priceless as the years go by.

A highlight of the evening was awarding prizes to each grade winner of the tree ornament contest.

PTG President Ann Lammers was happy with the attendance at the annual celebration.

"All of our members were pleased with the success of this activity, and we thank those who worked so hard and the families who joined us," Lammers said.

"We look forward to repeating this program next year," she added. □

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Halecreek Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Halecreek students who made the honor roll during the first marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Ms. Azzopardi's Class

Elizabeth Berry, Stephanie Clay, Joseph Goroni, Novella Hougabook, Latasha Hudson, Aaron King, Marissa Wilson.

Mrs. Coleman's Class

Natalee Adams, Aamer Ahmad, Tanya Formosa, Riky Gilk, Ashley Gshwender, Jerad Kiser, David Mowrer, Ashley Much, Lajoya Orr, Chris Speer, Ricky Staten, Darlene Swain, DeRhonda Williams.

Ms. Garrity's Class

Darnell Abney, Britney Alley, Donald Brewer, Jeffrey Conradson, Ashley Glenn, Crystal Scott, Anastasia Strother, LaShanda Windham.

Mr. Miller's Class

Darlie Atkinson, Eliot Craig, Carol Deaton, Sarah Gentry, Stephanie Gurner, Amanda Hall, Muneer Khan, Kevin Kucharski, Timothy Lewis, Joey Saad, Alicia Simms, Joann Tieppo, Miah Wade, Kevin Zajac.

Mrs. Slater's Class

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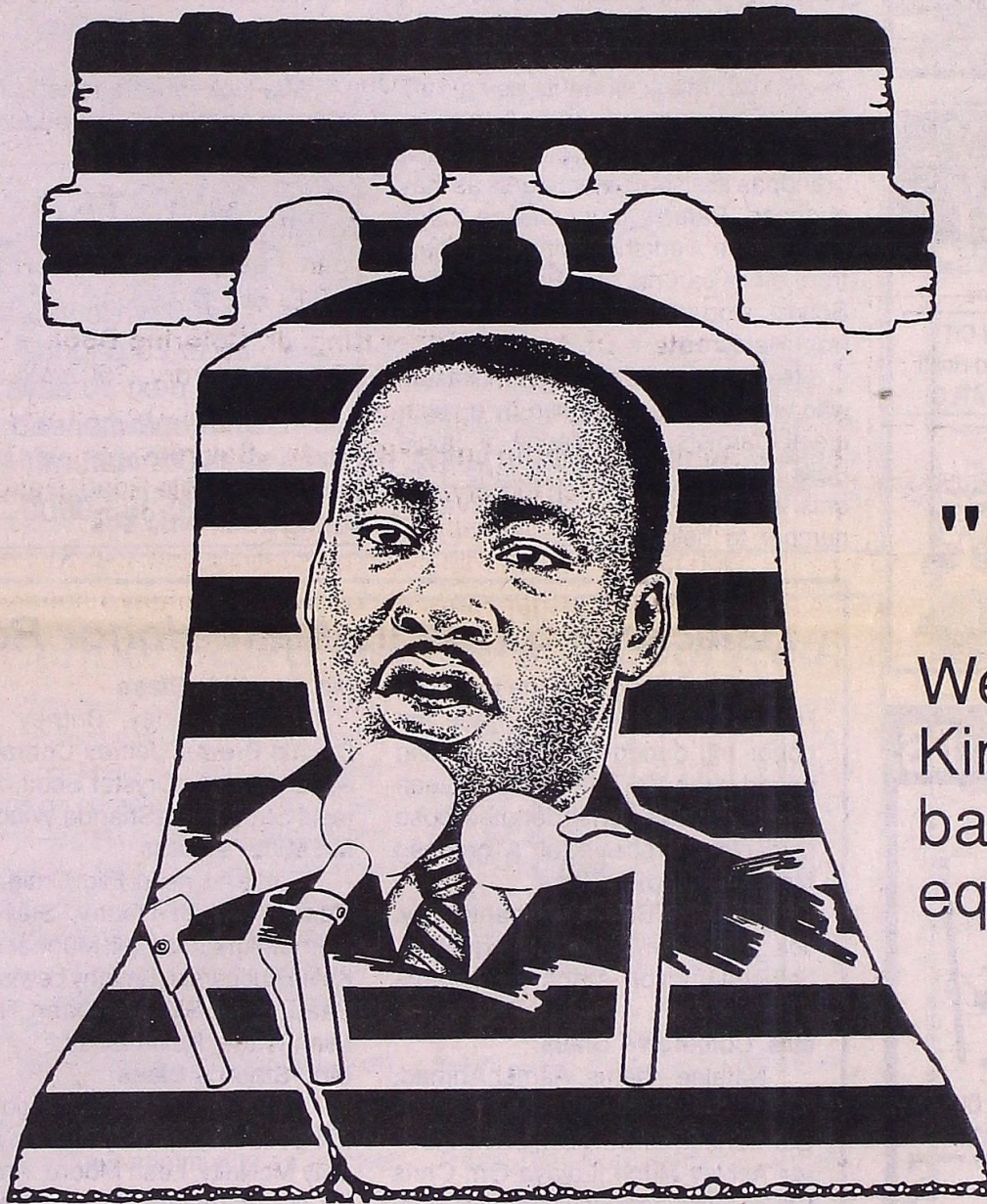
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DEFINITIONS

- Stiffened with stays, as a piece of clothing
- He's 007
- Romulus City Councilman Morris
- Fritter away, as one's savings
- In separate pieces; apart
- Ice-cream treat
- It's also known as a catamount or puma
- Freight
- Mass of rock which projects from a headland, cliff, or mountain
- Tool for fortunetellers
- It's between a walk and a canter
- Balderdash; twaddle; piffle
- The two equal parts of a whole
- Cut into very thin slices
- Posy pot
- Duck feathers
- Felt curiosity
- Thoroughly drenched
- Extremely small amounts, as impurities in a test sample
- Alarm; frighten
- Occurrence that requires investigation, as by a doctor or police officer
- Infuse with moisture or fluid
- Shortage; lack
- Walk on; trample
- Pleasant odor or scent
- It's Spanish for love
- Disfigure
- In Roman Catholicism, a series of prayers and devotions performed over a nine-day period
- Stars which suddenly become brighter
- It extends from the narthex to the chancel
- Began to appear or emerge
- Gradually decreased in size, as the moon
- Once more; afresh

For solution, see page 8

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "HARMONY"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in HARMONY? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals, proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 21 words can be found on page 8

Celebrating MLK, Jr.

(a sampling of events compiled by AAA Michigan)

- Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** – Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.; University of Michigan, Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. A song salute with various gospel performances. Call 313-994-7144.
- MOSES Banquet** – Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.; Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort Street, Southgate. Admission: \$25. Call 313-838-3190.
- Gandhi vs. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** – Friday–Sunday, January 16–18, all day; University of Michigan, Michigan Union, Pond Room, Ann Arbor. Exhibit comparing the similarities between Gandhi and Dr. King. Call 313-327-0833.
- United Students for Christ First Annual Gospel/MLK Dinner** – Friday, January 16, 7 p.m.; University of Michigan, Michigan Union, Anderson Room, Ann Arbor. A gospel fellowship promoting spiritual unity and practical understanding among brethren. Admission: \$3. Call 313-747-6113.
- Poetic Moments: A Salute to Dr. King** – Friday, January 16, 9 p.m.; University of Michigan, Michigan League Ballroom, Ann Arbor. Open-mike poetry reading. Call 313-668-6119.
- Create a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coloring Book** – Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.; Duffield Branch Library, 2507 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Ages three and up. Call 313-224-6456.
- Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** – Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.; Lincoln Branch Library, 1221 East Seven Mile Road, Detroit. Storytelling by LaRon Williams, featuring traditional African instruments, songs, and games with audience participation. Call 313-852-4284.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute** – Saturday, January 17, 2:30 p.m.; Detroit Main Library, Children's Library, Explorers Room, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Stories, songs, and poetry with Cooki Winborn, storyteller. Call 313-833-1490.
- 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Dinner Ball** – Saturday, January 17, cocktails at 6:30 p.m./dinner at 7:30 p.m.; Marriott Hotel, 1275 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti. Admission: \$35. Live entertainment. Call 313-769-7773.
- A Series of Sessions and Workshops on the Various Cultural Groups in America** – Monday, January 18, during school day; Belleville High School, 501 West Columbia, Belleville. Storyteller LaRon Williams culminates the day's events with song, acting, and visual arts about African and African-American folk tales. Call 313-697-6371.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program** – Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m.; Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Actors Todd Ester and Delitha Taylor bring Dr. King's message to life. Call 313-327-4265.
- 16th Annual Minister Dinner** – Sunday, January 18, 4 p.m.; Westin Hotel, Columbus Room, Detroit. Awards, honors, and an exciting lineup of entertainment. Admission: \$40. Call 313-835-0100.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Day March and Program** – Monday, January 19, noon. March begins at Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevards (near Myrtle), Detroit. Call 313-491-0465.
- Martin Luther King Day** – Monday, January 19; Museum of African American History, 314 East Warren, Detroit. A celebration of the life of Dr. King, including film clips of his speeches, roundtable discussions, and children's workshops. Call 313-494-5800.
- Black Student Union March** – Monday, January 19, noon; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Participants assemble at the corner of the University and Forest Avenue at 11:30 a.m., march to the "Diag," and assemble to listen to speakers. Call 313-747-1067.

Wedding Wise

Choosing the "Right" Honeymoon

By Marjean

The excitement is building and the very thought of being with your new bride sends you into orbit, so you want to have the very best honeymoon that your money will buy. (Traditionally, it is the groom who pays; however, in the '90s, couples do work together and pay for the honeymoon.)

Here are a few tips on planning your honeymoon.

- Dear Groom! You may want to surprise your bride, but beware that her idea of a perfect trip may not be hiking along the Amazon River; she may prefer a less adventurous trek along the white beaches of the Caribbean, instead. It's important to talk with your bride and get an idea of what she would like to do on "her honeymoon."
- If one of you is an outdoor person and the other a "fireplace" person, then the two of you will have to discuss and come to a joint plan that will encompass a little of both likes. For instance, a trip to a mountain resort might fulfill both people's needs.
- Decide how active you both want to be on your honeymoon. Choose a place that has a variety of things to do. It's no fun being "lobster broiled" while the other one sits idly by reading *A Tale of Two Cities*.
- By all means look at the travel brochures, but go over your plans with a travel specialist. Ask questions: Whether he or she has been to "Bora, Bora"; what type of climate to expect; when is the best time to go; what type of activities will be available; what languages are spoken. Although most places around the world do speak English, be safe — ask!

- Decide when you want to leave for your honeymoon. Remember: If you have had only two hours of sleep, you more than likely will be a little "testy" and won't want to go through the rigors of waiting to board your flight or cope with any unexpected problem.
- When you get to your destination, stop and take the time to relax. Think about what you will do on your honeymoon and how fast you want to go.
- Most important: Enjoy your honeymoon. It is the beginning of the rest of your life.

Editor's note: Do you have a question regarding wedding etiquette? Need some advice? You can write to Marjean c/o The Romulus News at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038. □

Answers

answers to puzzles from page 7

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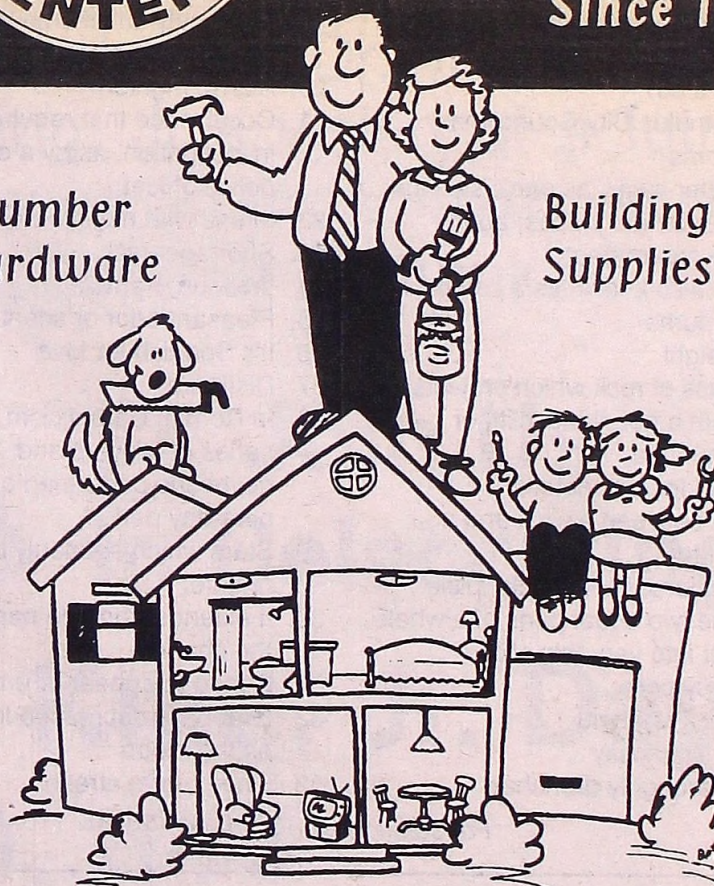
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Community Calendar

- **Around the World in a Harpbeat!** – In celebration of the release of their new CD – *Around the World in a Harpbeat!* – the Ann Arbor-based band known as Harpbeat (which performs a repertoire of multinational, interactive children's songs) will give a free concert at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, in the upstairs presentation space at Border's Book and Music Store (612 East Liberty, Ann Arbor). The public is invited.
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: January 15). For more information, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476, or Maria Lambert at 942-7543.
- **Baffling Bill's Magic Workshop** – Want to be a magician? Learn how at the Romulus Public Library on Saturday, January 17, at 11 a.m. Baffling Bill's Magic Workshop is a one-hour program for children ages six to 12 who want to learn how to perform magic tricks. Participants will receive a "bag of tricks" that will equip them to perform several amazing feats of magic. A \$1 fee, which covers the cost of the "bag of tricks," must be paid in advance. Register at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) during its normal business hours (Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.). Questions? Please call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Board of Education To Meet at Cory School** – In its continuing effort to be more accessible to input from all Romulus neighborhoods by visiting the various District schools, the Romulus Board of Education will conduct one of its regular meetings (set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26) at Cory Elementary School. For more information, please call the Board Office at 941-1600 or Cory School at 721-4757.
- **Children's Art Classes** – The winter term of children's art classes, sponsored by the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA) in partnership with Wayne County Community College, is scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 31. Children ages five to eight can choose from "Art Smart" and sculpture classes; advanced drawing, drawing and painting, and ceramics classes will be offered for students age nine to 12; and teens age 12 to 15 can sign up for "Cartoons and Comic Strips." Fees range from \$43 to \$59. For more information, or to register, call the DCA office at 281-2787.
- **Fools** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present Neil Simon's *Fools* February 6–7 and February 13–15. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$6 for students/senior citizens. For ticket information and performance times, call the Huron Civic Theatre Box Office: 782-5380.
- **"Mr. Single, 1998"** – Single men age 21 and over are invited to enter the "Mr. Single, 1998" contest to be held at the Clarion Inn (9191 Wickham Road, Romulus) on Saturday, February 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. Winners will get to choose a date "out on the town" (including chauffeured limousine service, dinner, and dancing) from a room full of single women! For registration information, please call "Ms. L.A." at 313-563-6616.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Detroit Pistons Game

The Romulus Recreation Department will be organizing a trip to the Palace of Auburn Hills to see the Detroit Pistons play the New York Knicks on January 24. (Although the trip is open to all ages, children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.) The bus will depart from the Recreation building at 1:30 p.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Early sign-up is encouraged, since the trip is limited to the first 35 people to register. A \$16 cost (cash only, please) must be paid at the time of registration.

2-ball Skills Competition

Boys and girls ages nine to 17 are invited to participate in this free, two-person-team competition cosponsored by the Detroit Pistons and the Romulus Recreation Department. The event – set to begin at noon on Saturday, January 31 – will feature competition in the following age divisions (numbers refer to child's age as of January 1, 1998; age must be verified by birth certificate at the time of registration): nine to 11, 12 to 14, and 15 to 17. Each team will be allowed 60 seconds to score points from various locations on a half court. Winners will go on to regional competition. Deadline for registration is January 30.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men who reside in Romulus (proper I.D. required) are invited to play drop-in basketball at Romulus Middle School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) continues on Wednesdays (Merriman School) and Thursdays (Wick School). Romulus Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at each site; students from Romulus High School play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

Open Recreation

Beginning January 10, an "open" or "drop-in" recreation program for Romulus students (proper I.D. required) will be held at Halecreek, Merriman, and Wick schools each Saturday according to the following schedule:

- elementary-age students (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and
- middle- and high-school students (2 to 4 p.m.).

Cost is \$1 per week.

Winter Classes

Registrations are still being accepted for the following classes. For more information, please call 942-6852.

Clogging

Residents age five and up are welcome to register for the Recreation Department's 10-week clogging class, set to begin on February 4. Classes will be held at Merriman School on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Deadline for registration is February 3.

Gymnastics

An eight-week winter gymnastics program, which began January 8, will continue at Romulus High School each Thursday according to the following schedule:

- ages five to seven (6 to 6:45 p.m.);
- age eight and up (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.).

Cost is \$50.

Aerobics

Aerobics classes, which began January 6, are being offered at Wick School each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and at Romulus Middle School each Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost for the 10-week program is \$43 for one day per week; \$57 for two days a week; or \$72 for all three days.

Tai Chi

A 10-week Tai Chi program, which began January 6, will continue at the Recreation building on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (For those who are unfamiliar with this program of slow-moving exercises, but would like to learn more, a video is available at the Recreation office.) Cost is \$30.

Karate

Students (ages five and up) new to karate are invited to register for this 10-week program, which will be held at Romulus Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning January 13. Cost is \$30.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in January: Gina Broadnax, Esther Carter, Joyce Hook, Fern Mostoller, Mildred Qualls, Danny Rushlow (staff), and Evelyn Sales.

Closed for the Holiday

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Monday, January 19, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Club #1 Wants You!

Club #1 is looking forward to a new year filled with old friends, new members, and a variety of fun-filled activities. The group, which meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m., has planned the following events for this month: Country Store/bag lunch (January 13), executive meeting/games/bag lunch (January 20), and potluck/bingo (January 27).

Say Good-bye to "Potluck"; Hello to "Senior Luncheon"

Beginning this month, the Romulus Senior Center will discontinue its regular potluck event (which required those who attended to bring a dish to pass), and replace it with a new "Senior Luncheon" (at a cost of \$3.50 per person). The change will be a welcome one for most people, who were investing about \$5 – not to mention the time involved in food preparation – each month in order to furnish a dish for the potluck.

The menu for this month's luncheon (set for 1 p.m. on Friday, January 23): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed green salad, vegetable, dessert, and beverage.

As usual, volunteers (those faithful folks essential to so many programs at the Center) will be needed to help with setup and cleanup.

Sign up at the Center.

George of the Jungle

January's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *George of the Jungle*, the hilarious Disney comedy starring Brendan Fraser – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 16. Light refreshments will be served.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to either the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Thurs., Jan. 29; \$20)
- **Bay Mills Resort & Casino**
(Tues.–Wed., Feb. 17–18; \$91)
- **The Platters in Frankenmuth**
(Wed., Mar. 11; \$45)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Mar. 18; \$20)
- **Mardi Gras Casino**
(Mon.–Tues., Mar. 30–31; \$69)
- **Mississippi River Gambling**
(Mon.–Wed., Apr. 20–22; \$152)

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As always, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, January 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is requested. Next date: January 15.

Resolve To Help Others: Volunteer!

For those of you who have made a New Year's resolution to do more for others, here's a great opportunity.

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

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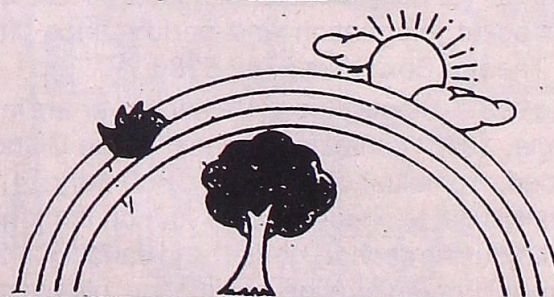
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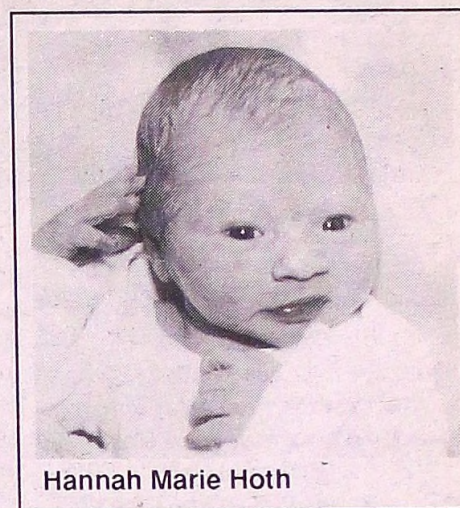
Hannah Marie Hoth

Robert and Michele Hoth of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Hannah Marie Hoth.

Hannah was born in Botsford Hospital (Farmington Hills, MI) at 11:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, weighing in at six pounds, one ounce, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Barbara Hoth (Romulus, MI) is Hannah's paternal grandmother.

Her maternal grandparents are Tom Scarrow (Romulus, MI) and Cheryl Keyser (Wayne, MI). □



Hannah Marie Hoth

Obituaries

Margaret (Bokor) Horn

Margaret (Bokor) Horn of LaSalle, Michigan, died on Saturday, January 3, 1998, at the age of 90.

The former General Motors employee was born in Budapest, Hungary, on July 7, 1907.

Surviving Margaret are one son, Robert J. Horn (LaSalle, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Bernard (Margaret) Joseph (Romulus, MI); six grandchildren; and

six great-grandchildren. Her husband, Joseph Horn, predeceased her.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Margaret Edith (Roberts) Mawby

Margaret Edith (Roberts) Mawby of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 5, 1998. She was 73 years old.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Margaret was born on August 4, 1924. The homemaker also gave eight years of service to her community as a volunteer foster grandmother at Beverly School.

Margaret is survived by three sons, Donald C. Mawby (Plymouth, MI), Frank William Mawby (Garden City, MI), and Gordon W. MacVicar (Brownstown, MI); one daughter, Vicki Lynn Mawby (Romulus, MI); one brother, Bremmer Roberts; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Predeceasing her were a son, a daughter, and four brothers.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

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Ada (McBride) Scott

Ada (McBride) Scott of Belleville, Michigan, died on Saturday, January 3, 1998, at the age of 97.

The National Bank of Detroit retiree was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 11, 1900.

Surviving Ada are three daughters, Mrs. John C. (Betty) Levick (Rochester Hills, MI), Ruth Bleeker (Belleville, MI), and Mary Lou Ratz (Monroe, MI); one sister, Ellen Koester (Romulus, MI); 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren;

and five great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Benjamin R. Scott, as well as one son and one sister.

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